

## Statement by

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Mr. Chair, distinguished colleagues,

At the outset, let me congratulate His Excellency Pedro Comissario Afonso on the election as the Chair of the Sixth Committee. I also welcome the other members of the Bureau and the Chair and

Regarding the principle of international cooperation mentioned in the Report, we support the idea that the content of this principle should be further examined, both in the context of the protection of persons affected by sea-level rise and in connection with the preservation of territory. For this purpose, financial assistance from international financial institutions could be mentioned.

Croatia looks forward to the continuation of discussions on this important topic within the ILC.